(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) In 1994-95, 5.23 MMSCMD of natural gas was produced in Assam out of which 1.52 MMSCMD was flared.

(c) and (d) ONGC and OIL are setting up the required compression and transportation facilities to reduce flaring to the technically minimum levels. OIL is also implementing a scheme for underground storage of gas.

Target for setting up new post offices in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

1071. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target for the current year 1995-96 for opening new post offices for Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the demand of these States; and

(c) by when the gap between the demand and the target will be bridged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The target for the current year 1995-96 for opening of new post offices for Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

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Maharashtra	9	12
Andhra Pradesh	2	5

(b) There is demand for opening 189 post offices in Maharashtra and 37 in Andhra Pradesh.

* Extra departmental branch post offices
** Departmental sub post offices.

(c) Post offices are opened under Annual Plan, subject to fulfilment of norms and availability of resources. Hence, no time-frame can be given for bridging the gap between demand and the target.

Aid flow to Developing Countries by OECD

1072. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India alongwith other member countries of Group of 77 campaigned for more aid flow to the developing countries from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to help social development programmes of developing countries at the recent world Summit for Social Development; and

(b) if so, the follow up action being taken on the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) At the recent World Summit for Social Development, India, alongwith other member countries of Group of 77, campaigned for more aid flows to developing countries for poverty eradication, employment generation and other social development programmes. Apart from global mobilisation of resources for social development, India also called for non-discriminatory access to markets and the availability of technologies that are relevant to these core issues.

India trusts that the international cooperation will reinvigorate itself in implementing the far-reaching decisions of the World Summit for Social Development. India has been actively participating in the follow-up actions to